DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETINGApril 16, 2013

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. in the UW-Extension conference room 1C at the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Behl at 7:30 a.m. with the following members present: Allen Behl, Gerald Adelmeyer, Howard Kriewald, Darrel Pollesch and Larry Bischoff

Also present: Jeff Hoffman, Department Head and Community Development Educator; Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator; Becky Gutzman, Nutrition Education Coordinator, Lindsey Shreves, Nutrition Educator and Mike Stanek, Agriculture Educator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Kriewald, seconded by Pollesch to approve minutes for March 19, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kriewald and seconded by Pollesch to approve agenda as listed for the day, allowing the chairman to go out of order as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: Bischoff reported on his attendance at the WACEC Conference held April 8-10, 2013. Bischoff, Behl & Hoffman spoke to five different legislators regarding the UW Extension budget and all were in favor of it as it was presented to them. Bischoff also attended a breakout session on how the flood/disaster was handled a year ago. They performed forage tests and resolved that crops were dying because moisture was too high and they needed to wait.

Behl reported on his attendance at the WACEC Conference held April 8-10, 2013. Behl attended the State Board Meeting, and two discussion points were the future of UW Extension and WACEC Conference. They are looking forward to the future of UW Extension and are happy with the results of Extension meeting the needs to what is happening every day. WACEC attendance keeps going down every year. For 2014 they are considering having it for only two days vs. three days and have reserved the location for it in Eau Claire. County memberships for it will remain at \$50. There was also discussion on Amish farmers with having co-op and what rules of extension will play in that.

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS: Motion by Kriewald, seconded by Adelmeyer to approve the regular meeting per diems and including Behl and Bischoff per diems for the WACEC Conference attended Apr. 9-11, 2013.

REVIEW OF BILLS Review of the UW-Extension revenues and expenses. Hoffman discussed the rental of the Youth Building and reported that John Deere will now be renting the building for one of their events which will make the account break even if not have more for 2013.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

a. Fair appropriation – The discussion was whether the bill gets paid in two separate payments or all in one payment. Hoffman informed everyone that there is enough money at this time in the account to pay in full if they wish to do so. Motion was made by Kriewald and seconded by Adelmeyer to pay the full amount of \$25,500 for 2013.

EDUCATORS' REPORTS:

<u>Hoffman:</u> Reported on the new logo for UW-Extension, and updated the committee on the progress of the planning effort with the City of Fox Lake.

<u>Carroll:</u> Reported on working with Dodge County Health Department to write their mission statement. Carroll also reported on her role in the Safety and Injury Prevention Coalition, a group of social service agencies working together on specific safety issues Dodge County families face in an effort to make our communities stronger and safer.

<u>Stanek:</u> Reported on activities and field visits from last month. Upcoming tractor safety driving assessment at fair grounds. Reported that approximately 150 farmers have taken pesticied applicator tests this year.

Shreves: Lindsey reported that classroom lessons at Lincoln and Jefferson Elementary Schools in Beaver Dam had been fairly successful for her first year, and a formal evaluation had been conducted in the form of parent surveys. Eighty-seven surveys were sent out and 32 were returned stating they had noticed a positive change in their child's fruit and/or vegetable consumption. Summer programming is beginning with Head Start lessons and more educational visits to the food pantries in Dodge County.

Gutzman: Becky reported on the budget reductions to WNEP that resulted from the American Taxpayer Relief Act on Jan 1. SNAP-Ed received a 28% reduction for the fiscal year, and since some of the annual appropriation had already been forwarded to the states, the actual reduction for the remainder of this year are substantially greater. The state (Department of Health Service) had some funds left from last year that they were able to put towards this budget year, but we have also been asked to be very frugal in our spending for the remainder of the year. Vacancies will be filled on a case-by-case basis. Next year's funding will be decided by the next Farm Bill, and we don't expect that to be finalized until this summer.

COMMUNICATION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 21, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. in the UW-Extension Conference Room 1C, in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by Kriewald and seconded by Bischoff to adjourn at 8:35 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Adelmever, Secretary

Allen Behl, Chairman